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LIMDIS, FOR AMBASSADOR FROM NEA/RA PALMER

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: AMGT, APER, TU, CENTO

SUBJECT: REPROGRAMMING CENTO STAFF POSITION

REF: ANKARA 8319

1. IN VIEW TIGHT POSITION SITUATION, M/MO WANTS TO ELIM-
INATE ONE OF THE THREE STATE-SECONDED OFFICER POSITIONS AT
CENTO SECRETARIAT, PER ROBERTS' INSPECTION RECOMMENDATIONS.
GIVEN YOUR POINT (REFTEL) REGARDING UNCERTAINTY ABOUT
FUTURE SHAPE OF CENTO ECONOMIC PROGRAM, M/MO IS DISPOSED
TO ELIMINATE POSITION NOW ENCUMBERED BY COLES UPON HIS
DEPARTURE IN AUGUST THIS YEAR, UNLESS MISSION ADDUCES VERY
PERSUASIVE REASONS FOR NOT DOING SO.

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2. EUR AND WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR VIEWS ON THIS, AND ON
ALTERNATIVES OF ELIMINATING POSITION NOW ENCUMBERED BY
DENNIS UPON HIS DEPARTURE 1/31/78, OR RETENTION OF ALL
THREE POSITIONS.

3. IF WE CEASED TO STAFF COLE'S POSITION, WHAT ARRANGE-
MENTS COULD BE MADE FOR PROPER CONTROL/ACCOUNTABILITY OVER

USG (STATE) FUNDS PROVIDED TO SUPPORT SECRETARIAT OPERATIONS? REGARDING FUTURE SHAPE OF ECONOMIC PROGRAM, WE DO NOT NOW FORESEE APPRECIABLE CHANGE FROM CURRENT THRUST, I.E., REORIENTING PROGRAM TOWARD DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES WITHOUT SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN FUNDING.

4. COPY OF MARTIN'S ECONOMIC REORGANIZATION PROPOSAL WHICH HE GAVE ME THERE HAS NOT YET ARRIVED BY POUCH (OR PERHAPS IT WAS INADVERTENTLY LEFT IN EMBASSY). IN ANY CASE, WE RECOGNIZE THAT DECISION ON STATE-SECONDED POSITION SHOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE PROBABLE OUTCOME OF CURRENT EFFORTS TOWARDS OVERALL SECRETARIAT REORGANIZATION. WE LACK A FEEL FOR THIS.

5. IF YOU AGREE TO THE ELIMINATION OF ONE OF THE STATE-SECONDED POSITIONS, THE DEPARTMENT WILL NOT, OF COURSE, PERCEIVE THIS AS REFLECTING ADVERSELY ON PRESENT INCUMBENT. BOTH COLES AND DENNIS APPEAR FROM HERE TO BE PERFORMING VERY WELL.
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